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Special
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See Rapists Run! Run Rapists Run!

In all situations we must defend ourselves and each other from attack. The community that can rely upon each other for this kind of support, and make the fight against rape a *priority* will be that much stronger and united on other fronts. Rape and other pogromism (the hunting down, for purposes of torture, of specific groups ie. Blacks, gays, wimmin) are problems that any community attempting to be autonomous *must* try to deal with realistically, practically and effectively. Police, medical institutions and the courts cannot ever be relied upon to protect anything but capital(ists). But we can't use this as an excuse to tolerate attacks on members of our communities. Rape is not only viewed benevolently by the state, but communities that allow rape to perpetuate are helping the state by splitting our ranks: and make no mistake, it is not wimmin who divide from men when we demand this respect for and action around our safety, but men who divide from wimmin when they behave in a sexist manner, or are accepting of someone who does.

Some autonomous community solutions to rape:

★ Collectively confront sexually abusive members of your (either geographic or chosen) community: Allow them the chance and give them the help it takes to change, but if they refuse, or deny the problem, they should be collectively ostracized. (It is important not to leave the responsibility of confrontation solely up to the womyn who has been assaulted or harassed, although if the womyn

wants no support for one reason or another, this must be respected)

★ Community vigilance (especially in dark or deserted areas of your neighbourhood) armed or unarmed is a way to deal with any possibility of stranger-rape or outdoor attacks.

★ Public confrontation of rapists of members of your community (if the survivor desires) in the form of physical confrontation at his favourite 'hang-outs' or his workplace.

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Men challenge men with billboard (see pg 2)

Lubicon Lake

Smile for the Cameras, McKnight

In Ecomedia #33 we mentioned that Lubicon Lake Band Chief Bernard Ominayak had stated that the Band will resort to using road blocks in self defence this fall if their outstanding land claim is not settled. Federal Minister of Indian affairs Bill "Buttface" McKnight responded to the statement in a letter to the band and news media on Aug 17, a "make-us-look-good-in-time-for-elections-reconciliatory-letter" which was as phony as it sounds.

The reality of the Lubicon situation is not one which tends to sway voters over to any party. The Lubicon Lake

(see "All Talk...", pg 3)

Autonomous organizing against rape (cont. from 1)

★ Restraint and confrontation of the rapist is pretty much the only solution when you happen upon an attack - and whenever and wherever you are, always be alert, and react to screams or strange behaviour (if a man/men are forcing a womyn into a car, etc. you can be pretty sure it should at the very least be investigated).

★ I.D. posterizing is the same idea as the bad trick sheets that sex trade workers will sometimes use to help eachother be safe through the availability of identification. If you know the person and can get a picture, all the better. If it is a stranger, poster the vicinity in which it happened with a description of his physical appearance, time, place and his tactics. It will help other wimmin to be aware, and if people actually know him, they will be the wiser for it.

★ Wimmin and children should invest in some self-defense training. WENDO, a wimmin's self-defense course designed (assuming that you will be smaller and lighter) to show wimmin how to defend themselves from attack, is periodically provided by the Rape Crisis Centre for free.

★ Be supportive of rape/incest survivors in your community. Don't tell them what they need, or what they should have done. Be responsive to what they may be trying to tell you they need. The womyn must take back control over her life. Above all, *believe* the womyn who says she has been raped. And never blame the survivor of rape or an abusive relationship. The only people who deserve blame are the attackers.

★ The Toronto Rape Crisis centre has several options available for the womyn who needs support. As well as 24-hour crisis phone line, and the option of face-to-face counselling, there are many rape and incest survivor self-help groups which can be very empow-

ering. The TRCC's counselling policy is non-authoritarian, and the emphasis is always on self-determination. They won't send you to a "shrink" or automatically send your case to the cops. They provide educational resources and public speakers to interested groups. For more information call their office at 597-1171, or if you need help call the crisis line at 597-8808. Make information about the availability of services from the Rape Crisis Centre available to all your womyn-friends. They can then make the choice to use them if they want.

★ Really eradicating rape begins with giving our children the chance to have a healthy sense of sexuality (none of this homophobic, male supremacy shit). Provide them with a good, straightforward, explicit sexual education, free of fear; full of the understanding of self-determination. When we can provide this, our female children will have a better chance to know that they have the perfect right to refuse guilt, and male children will be more likely to refuse to abuse.

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9th Annual "Take Back the Night"

Sponsored by the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre, this year's demonstration of women's struggle for self-determination and the fight against rape will be in Scarborough, at the Warden Woods Community Centre (74 Fir Valley Court, southwest of the Warden Subway station) on Thursday, September 22. At 6:30 wimmin will gather for a fair gearing up to a 7pm rally and march. This event is still the only annual wimmin's demonstration which does not beg for police permission. There will be translation for the hearing impaired, and the centre is wheelchair accessible. The TRCC will be providing rides to Scarborough from the 519 Church St. Centre at 6:15 pm. Transportation for disabled wimmin, as well as childcare, can be arranged by calling 597-1171. Please note that this march is for wimmin only.

W E N D O

Wimmin's Self Defense courses available for free through the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre. Must register in advance. For more information and to register call 977-7127.

Men's Initiative

Many men have complained because they're not welcome on the "Take Back the Night" march, but any idiot can see that it's ridiculous for men to march as it only reinforces the idea that wimmin need men to protect them. But for those men who genuinely want to support wimmin in this action, there's going to be a workshop for men by men happening out at the Warden Woods community centre in Scarborough, at the same time as the march. The workshop will be a chance to talk about rape, sexism, and male roles, and ways we can help everyday to stop rape and the subjugation of wimmin. Also, from there, some men will be leaving to do leafletting, street theatre, and a "rap against rape" outside some Toronto bars. For more information call the anarchist hotline at 536-2514.

Last week men put up a 12'x16' billboard on the side of an abandoned building about men and rape (see front cover). This was torn down within 3 days, the shortest period one of these paintings has ever lasted (it seems rape is too sensitive a topic for the building's owners). It was re-installed in several pieces on another building. It can now be seen at the corner of Queen and Portland.

All Talk and No Action Makes Bill a Dull Boy

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Cree have been fighting for a reserve in Northern Alberta for 50 years, and in the last 15 of those years have been facing extermination as oil and gas interests rip up their land, scare away the animals, and leave the Band's traditional hunting and trapping economy in ruins.

McKnight has offered 3 party negotiations, for which a mediator would be picked by the Band, the federal government and the Province, someone with no prior involvement in the case. He has offered to set aside his court proceedings for three weeks to enable these negotiations to happen. Alberta would also be expected to give the Band 25.4 square miles as a reserve "to start with". And, McKnight cites his wonderful past record of helping out the Band, while claiming he has no reason to stall a settlement by referring the case to the courts.

However the truth speaks differently. McKnight has dismissed an agreement to use a discussion paper written by federally appointed inquiry

officer E. Davie Fulton as a starting point for negotiations; refused to consider other proposals for mediation and negotiation put forward in the past few months; and threatened to force a settlement on the Lubicon Cree without benefit of negotiations through the courts unless they agreed to his terms. His claim that he has no reason to stall such a settlement is bullshit. It is in his best interest to wash his hands of the matter by saying "It's before the courts" and come clean just in time for a federal election, when his job's on the line.

The 'new' pre-conditions to negotiations are still that the Provincial government be fully involved in negotiations, and that Davie Fulton not be re-involved, and there is still no mechanism for public scrutiny. He is still attempting to give those 25.4 square miles to the Band, but in fact this is only for those members of the Band which the feds recognize as Band members, approximately 200. Thus these conditions still exclude

more than half the Lubicon people.

However the Band has expressed willingness to discuss how the Province could be involved in some areas, the appointment of a jointly chosen mediator, the setting aside of court proceedings, and the immediate transfer of land. In fact they'll talk about anything as long as the talks aren't the regular propaganda exercise the federal government carries out everytime the issue gets too hot.

But if this is still just another load of hot air on McKnight's part, the Band will block access roads and control the flow of people in their area to exert their jurisdiction on their lands this fall. As a recent letter from Ominayak said, "During the last eight years we've peacefully sought to negotiate a settlement of our aboriginal land rights while most of what we owned and valued as a people was systematically destroyed by development activity. We remain prepared to talk but there'll soon be nothing left to talk about unless we more effectively start protecting interests vital to our survival. Thus it's up to you, not to us, to determine whether or not there'll be confrontation on the ground this fall. You have a choice in the matter. We have none."

GreenPeace's Toxic Management

On Monday, August 8 the Seattle Greenpeace phone bank was shut down. This was a blatant attempt to crush a union organizing drive mounted by the Seattle Greenpeace workers under the Industrial Workers of the World. The work of the Seattle phone bank will be transferred to the Boston Greenpeace office where there is currently no union organizing.

In issue #33 we reported that new policies had been implemented at the phone bank including insensitive, high pressure telemarketing techniques and plans for illegal audio surveillance of phone calls. Selective reprisals such as firings and probation were carried out against union members who visibly protested these policies. The workers demanded that the IWW be recognized as their union. The organizing committee is now demanding that all workers be reinstated as well as their former opposition to the new policies.



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CBC: Ministry of Truth

Friday September 16 the world premiere of the CBC movie "The Squamish Five" happened here in Toronto. The movie is a pathetic attempt to trivialize and dramatize the bombings carried out by Direct Action and the Wimmins Fire Brigade, and turn the five activists imprisoned for those actions into cardboard cut-out characters to ridicule. In response to the movie's distortion of reality, several Toronto anarchists prepared and handed out a broadsheet of the writings of the Five which more clearly portray who they were and where they were coming from. If you would like a copy, they are available from the Toronto ABC, P.O. Box 6326 Stn A Toronto, Ont., M5W 1P7. Please send a donation to help cover postage if you can.

Cops Rape Too

Loads of scorn to the Toronto Star for helping Toronto police to cover up the fact that officers Gordon Trumbley and Rodney Pugh, both of 55 division (the same division where Gardiner Myers was murdered earlier this year) raped a woman (Toronto Star 8,9,88). They reported that the officers were charged with "discreditable conduct" by the police disciplinary board after a woman complained that they had sex with her in the back of their cruiser. You don't file a complaint after you have "had sex" you do so after you have been raped. The police will avoid the issue by using misleading euphemisms but one can't expect any more from them, they are protecting their own. But the Star should at least have the decency to respect the woman and call rape what it is.

Some Shit They Just Won't Eat

If they stick to their guns, the Toronto newspapers deserve praise for refusing to print the names of those arrested for soliciting prostitutes, or of the prostitutes themselves. These mass arrests are just another episode of state gangsterism, attempting to control the sex and drug trades by terrorism instead of addressing the root causes. This approach won't stop "sin," but it will ruin a lot of people's lives.

Monopolizing Media

In its tributes to retiring Toronto Star publisher Beland Honderich, the Star neglected to mention that he pulled the seamiest deal in Toronto's journalism history by paying John Bassett \$10 million to kill the Telegram in 1971. This move left the Star with a virtual monopoly on mainstream newspaper readership, since the Globe and Mail is aimed primarily at the business community, and the Slime primarily at the redneck. And what did the Star do with this monopoly? It began censoring the comic strips, leaving out at least one controversial strip each week until all the controversial titles were eased out of the paper (except Doonesbury, which was relegated to the editorial page.)

Evict Politicians

In all the media controversy over Peterson's dismissal of John Sewell, the essential point has been overlooked. As long as housing is controlled, and its executives appointed, by politicians instead of the people who live in the housing, it will serve the interests of the politicians rather than the tenants. And the politicians' interests are to hire someone known to be genuinely concerned about housing when there is a minority government, and get rid of him once there is a majority.

Meaningless Jobs or Minimal Welfare

A few days ago, the media reported but failed to analyze a deeply disturbing statement by the spokesperson for a \$3 million study commissioned by the Ontario government of the province's social assistance system. He opposed rolling all the welfare programs into one plan to provide everyone with a guaranteed annual income—an obviously logical step for those who still believe the state can solve social problems—because it would not help those on welfare find work or assure that people will be better off working than receiving assistance from taxpayers (Toronto Star 8-9-88 pA33>) With the need for waged labour constantly declining, the state intends to put people to work at meaningless jobs, such as shuffling paper and flipping hamburgers for minimum wage rather than allowing them to enjoy the steadily diminishing work week that circumstances merit.